



## ADVANCING AMERICAN FREEDOM

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Dear University Presidents,

The American People watched in horror last school year as university campuses across the United States descended into antisemitic riots. Images of swastikas, public threats against Jewish students, and rank antisemitism should conjure up images of Nazi Germany – not American universities in 2024. While freedom of speech and assembly are an American birthright, antisemitism has no place in our country—nor do campuses that stand idly by while antisemitic thugs vandalize their campuses and threaten Jewish students.

As Jewish students prepare to return to your campuses, it is your responsibility as university presidents to ensure that America's campuses do not once again devolve into cesspools of rancid antisemitism.

Today, many Jewish students no longer feel safe on college campuses – a direct result of the 2024 antisemitic college campus riots. The antisemitic riots forced Jewish families to have difficult and uncomfortable conversations about which colleges and universities were safe for their children to attend—conversations that should never be needed, much less in 2024 America. 63% of Jewish students feel less safe and 40% of Jewish students have felt the need to hide their Jewish identity following the antisemitic college campus riots, according to Hillel.<sup>1</sup>

We, as leaders of the Jewish community, are calling on you, university presidents, to ensure that Jewish students can learn without fear for their personal safety. Wearing a Yamika or Star of David, attending Hillel, or simply being Jewish should never make students feel like they have a target on their back.

When pro-Hamas rioters once again attempt to turn your college campuses into hives of antisemitism this fall, you must respond swiftly and without hesitation. Our schools must be safe for Jews.

Thank you,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hillel.org/majority-of-jewish-college-students-say-they-feel-less-safe-due-to-encampments-61-report-antisemitism-during-campus-protests/>